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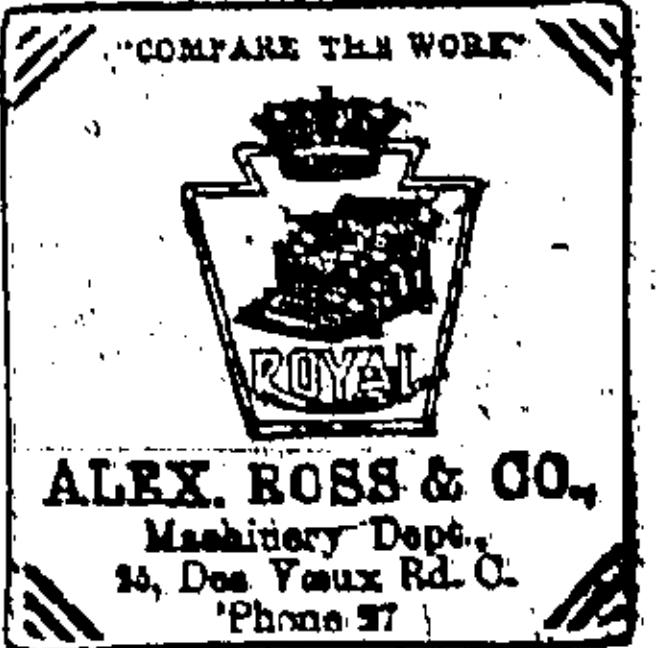
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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

ARMY ESTIMATES.

London, February 23rd.  
In the House of Commons, the Army  
Estimates for 1920-21 were agreed to by 215 votes  
to 52.

London, February 23rd.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Winston  
Churchill, introducing the Army Estimates,  
said that the fact that the  
estimates would terminate on March 31st.  
He claimed that he had created in a single  
year what was, broadly, the pre-war  
Regular Army, and had also organized  
additional troops to discharge temporary  
and new liabilities.

He mentioned that the British delegates  
had fought at the Peace Conference for the  
abolition of conscription, but the only  
response came from Germany, which  
compulsion—(laughter)—All the other  
States had retained compulsory service,  
including the United States, the original  
of the League of Nations, and Russia,  
the home of advanced political thought—  
(Cheers and laughter).

Nevertheless, Mr. Churchill continued,  
Britain has returned to the voluntary  
system and will have, by April 30th,  
320,000 White troops, as compared with  
175,000 before the war, and will also have,  
during the greater part of the year,  
109,000 Indians.

Discussing the increase in the army in  
view of the removal of the German  
menace, Mr. Churchill thought it was idle  
to pretend that the pre-war army was  
proportionate to the risk Britain ran or  
to her important role. On the other hand,  
new and serious responsibilities, both  
temporary and permanent, were placed on  
Britain as a result of the war, while the  
whole Eastern world was in a state of  
extreme disquiet.

The additional temporary responsibilities  
were on the Rhine, and in Palestine,  
Germany, Constantinople, Egypt, and  
North-West Persia. There were two im-  
portant permanent responsibilities,  
namely, Palestine and Mesopotamia,  
where there were garrisons of 10,000 White  
troops and 10,000 Indians as against  
17,000 White and 44,000 Indian troops  
respectively. Both garrisons must be  
reduced if either was to play the way. Con-  
sidering the burdens in the East, no relief  
could be expected until a real peace was  
made with Turkey. He trusted that having  
dispersed the armies we will not now  
take steps of driving the Turkish people  
to despair or undertake new obligations,  
because our resources were not equal to  
their discharge.

Mr. Churchill enumerated the factors of  
uncertainty in the Middle East; for  
instance, the Turkish rejection of the  
Peace Treaty, Bolshevik aggression, effect  
of the Milner Commission of Enquiry  
terminating in Constantinople, and in Con-  
stantinople, but he had decided to take an  
optimistic view and provide for the reduction  
of the garrisons in the Middle East  
in 1920-21 to half the present strength.

The Irish Garrison was 35,000 as against  
25,000 before the war. The Finance of the  
Estimates, which totalled £125,000,000, Mr. Churchill  
pointed out that the costs had multiplied  
24 times as compared with before the war,  
and resulted in less war power. Three  
fourths of detailed study will be needed  
to get the same value.

Mr. Churchill favoured a steady in-  
crease in the Air Force at the expense of  
the Army and the Navy, but only in pro-  
portion as the Air Force was able to dis-  
charge day to day, the Air Force will be  
performed by the Army and the Navy.

Instanting the possibilities of the Air  
Force, Mr. Churchill drew attention to the  
Somaliland campaign. It was proposed,  
he said, to apply the same principle to  
Mesopotamia where the Air Force will be  
the principal agency in control, the military  
and the navy acting as auxiliaries.

Referring to the development in Tanks,  
Mr. Churchill mentioned the development  
in speed and durability, adding that  
the roads were not damaged. Anti-Tank  
warfare had, also, profoundly advanced.  
A new grenade had been devised, which  
could be discharged from an ordinary  
rifle and was capable of inflicting mortal  
injury to a tank.

Summarizing the Army scheme, Mr.  
Churchill emphasized that the Territorial  
Army will be the normal means of the  
expansion of the British forces. For a  
supreme emergency, such as that of  
August, 1914, Britain will have to rely  
on complete and complete Division and  
six Divisions of Regulars immediately,  
and in the course of the next few months  
one Yeomanry Division and fourteen  
Divisions of Territorials, complete with  
equipment and Reserves.

It will be the duty of the Government  
to call into being further twenty Divisions.  
It was proposed to reduce the garrisons  
in the Middle East to the barest minimum  
compatible with security, sending re-  
inforcements from Home or from India  
in the event of an emergency.

He alluded to the fact that the Domini-  
ons contemplated reproducing a number  
of Divisions from the present very fine  
military material, but "an adjustment of  
our relations with them will be undertaken  
in the future months."

If the scheme succeeded, Britain will  
have, for some years, a large latent reserve  
of trained manhood and ample war  
material. Germany could not become  
formidable for a number of years, while  
France and Belgium, who were organs  
large military forces, were bound to  
Britain by ties of friendship and interest  
in the military arrangements. Therefore, tem-  
porarily, there was no imminent danger  
in Western Europe, but the time might  
come when the revival of the military  
strength of Germany, or Germany and  
Russia combined, might necessitate a  
drastic revision of the arrangements.

Concluding, Mr. Churchill again em-  
phasized that Britain alone, among the  
nations had abolished conscription which  
had resulted in the limitation of her mili-  
tary power.

"We have to do the best with the forces  
at our disposal to discharge our duties  
to the Empire, and should a great  
emergency arise, we must trust to the  
fleet and the Air Force to give us time,"  
Mr. Churchill said, "to bring the might  
—the irresistible might, as has been  
proved—of Britain into the field."

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

TAX ON WAR WEALTH.

London, February 24th.  
The Select Committee appointed to  
investigate the question of taxation of  
war fortunes has opened its investiga-  
tions under the chairmanship of Sir  
William Pearce.

The principal witness was Sir John  
Anderson, Chairman of the Board of  
Inland Revenue, who estimated that the  
cost of the scheme would be from one-tenth  
to one-fifth of £100,000,000 on the amount  
collected. He anticipated that the tax  
will be paid to a considerable extent in  
kind, such as War Loan securities, and  
suggested that provision be made for pay-  
ments by instalments, the liability being  
assessed at the outset and the payments  
spread over ten years. He thought that  
the valuation would affect 340,000 persons,  
but many individuals would have several  
valuations of ships, furniture, jewels,  
estates, etc.

Sir John Anderson suggested the con-  
sideration of some form of a "floating  
charge" which would, sufficiently, safe-  
guard the interests of the Crown without  
interfering with legitimate business  
operations. He considered that the tax  
should not fall exclusively on war pro-  
fits, but also deal with the increase in  
wealth without regard to how it was  
brought about. The Department could  
not discriminate between wealth gained  
by questionable means, and wealth ac-  
quired simply from the war, and wealth  
accumulated by exceptional personal  
effort and self-denial.

Asked what sum he expected to obtain  
from the tax, Sir John Anderson replied  
£1,000,000,000.

EXCHANGE AND HIGH PRICES.

London, February 23rd.  
The Supreme Council has arranged an  
early discussion with experts on the prob-  
lem of high prices and European rates  
of exchange.

FUTURE OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

London, February 22nd.  
The question of the Turkish retention  
of Constantinople, which is arousing  
lively public interest, was the subject of  
many sermons to-day.

The well-known preacher, Dr. F. B.  
Meyer suggested that the only safe course  
was to retain Constantinople as the same  
policy, as applied to the Pope, namely, to  
deprive him of all temporal power in  
Europe, but allow him to remain in Con-  
stantinople as the supreme head of the  
spiritual interests of the Moslem world.  
This will rid Europe of the presence of  
a perpetual menace to its peace and meet  
the Moslem contention to retain Constan-  
tinople as its spiritual metropolis.

TRIAL OF GERMAN CRIMINALS.

London, February 23rd.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar  
Law, replying to Sir Ellis Hume-Williams,  
said that no alteration was made in the  
provision of the Peace Treaty for the  
trial of war prisoners, and confirmed this  
morning's announcement that the Allies  
had decided to postpone, temporarily, the  
immediate execution of the provision. He  
assured the House that the Allies intend-  
ed to make certain that all evidence  
brought for the prosecution was properly  
put before the Court, and added that  
Leipzig was suggested as the venue of the  
Court.

AMERICA AND THE PEACE TREATY.

Washington, February 21st.  
The first vote on the Peace Treaty since  
November was taken in the Senate to-day  
and resulted in the defeat, by 38 votes to  
26, of a motion by Senator Hitchcock to  
amend the Republican reservations so  
that joint resolutions by Congress be  
required for the notice of the withdrawal  
of the United States from the League of  
Nations.

WASHINGTON, February 22nd.  
The Senate rejected by 33 votes to 32  
a motion to change the Lodge reservation  
regarding the withdrawal of the United  
States from the League of Nations.

Republican intransigent opponents of  
the Treaty voted with the Democrats.  
The Senate then re-adopted by 45 votes  
to 30 the original reservation.

WASHINGTON, February 22nd.  
The outcome of the vote on Senator  
Hitchcock's motion is generally inter-  
preted as likely to tighten the Treaty  
deadlock.

NEW VIMY STARTS.

CATRO, February, 22nd.  
The new Vickers-Vimy aeroplane, to  
which the engines and other equipment of  
the Silver Queen have been transferred,  
started for Khartoum early this morning.

THE WAR ON BOLSHIEVISM.

LONDON, February 23rd.  
The War Office announced that the Volun-  
teer Army, February 22nd, recaptured  
Rostov and took 1,500 prisoners, capturing  
20 guns and a quantity of war material.

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## CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

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SHANGHAI, Feb. 26.  
The Tsuchin of Heilungkiang re-  
ports that the Japanese troops have  
retreated from the Amur, and that  
the Bolsheviks want a boundary dis-  
cussion with him.

The eastern railway being under  
martial law, foreign travellers must  
have permits.  
Dr. Alfred See reports that it is  
hopeless to think of raising money  
in Paris at present.

AN INSIDE STORY OF THE  
DEMPSEY-WILLARD  
FIGHT.

"Dougherty was on the ground  
early in Toledo, and made his head-  
quarters at Dempsey's camp. Willard  
had heard of Dougherty without  
knowing that he was such a strong  
Dempsey booster, and asked Tex  
Rickard to invite him over to his  
headquarters for a talk," writes  
James C. Isaminger in the Phila-  
delphia North American.

"So one night Jim went to the  
home that Willard had leased in To-  
ledo for living quarters. It was the  
night before the fight, and Dougherty  
found Willard in a very optimistic  
mind."

"He told me," said Dougherty,  
"that he had reserved a stateroom  
on a train for New York to leave  
Toledo two days after the fight,  
when he would release his film and  
personally attend a large theatre  
where the picture would be shown  
at top prices. He added that his  
victory over Dempsey would make  
the thing go big."

"Then you feel sure that you  
are going to win?" I put to him.  
"Jesse is a slow, careful talker and  
has a drawl. So he waited a second  
and then sat back and told me why."  
"I figure it this way," Jess went  
on. "I base my ability to beat  
Dempsey on one fight. That was  
my scrap with Johnson. Now I claim  
that Johnson was a better man than  
Dempsey is. He knew more about  
the science of the game than Demp-  
sey and was a bigger man and could  
hit harder."

"Now, what happened in this  
fight? Johnson hit me a hundred  
times in this fight and never hurt me  
once. I really believe that I could  
whip Johnson with my hands tied  
behind my back. He could hit me  
all day, and instead of hurting me  
would only wear himself out. I be-  
lieve he would become so weak from  
his own exertions that I could knock  
him out by merely pushing my head  
back at him."

"Now, what right then has  
Dempsey, who is not as good a man  
as Johnson, to beat me?" I didn't  
try to argue with him, but when I  
saw how cheaply he had estimated  
Dempsey I knew that he was in for  
the surprise of his life.

"Willard did not know that I  
knew Johnson better than he did. He  
lived in Philadelphia for three or four  
years, and his style was as well  
known to me as any fighter's in the  
ring."

"Johnson was good enough to  
win a world's championship at a time  
when the heavyweights were a poor  
lot. Johnson was never rated as a  
one punch man. Anybody could  
stay six rounds with him without  
trouble. Johnson was a punishing  
hitter, but not a heavy hitter. I  
knew, then, that Willard had no idea  
of the terrific wallop carried by  
Dempsey when he ranked Johnson as  
the heaviest hitter."

"Nearly all of the knockouts  
scored by Dempsey have been made  
with short punches while getting out  
of a clinch. That's the way he  
scored his first knockout at Toledo,  
and that blow really decided the  
fight."

"The men were together near  
the ropes, when Dempsey got loose  
and rammed a terrific left to the  
jaw—a blow that didn't travel more  
than seven inches. Jess thought  
that Jack was showing away to set  
himself, and was whipped by the  
latter when he was half doubled  
up."

"It must have been a great sur-  
prise to Willard all the more so  
because in the first thirty seconds of  
the scrap Dempsey looked awkward  
and scared and twice ran away and  
turned his back to Willard. Jess  
then thought he would be easier  
than he had expected, but he didn't  
know until it was too late that Jack  
was fighting under instructions and  
completely deluged the champion."

"Poor Jess never took that trium-  
phant trip to New York. The next  
day he cancelled his reservation, and  
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ROW, (SATURDAY), the 28th day  
of February, 1920, at Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of  
the Court of Directors together with  
a statement of Accounts for the  
year ending 31st December, 1919.

The Register of Shares of the  
Corporation will be CLOSED from  
MONDAY, the 16th February, to  
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ceiving the Report of the General Managers  
together with a Statement of Accounts  
to the 31st October, 1919.

The Register of Shares of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from WEDNES-  
DAY, the 3rd day of March, 1920, to  
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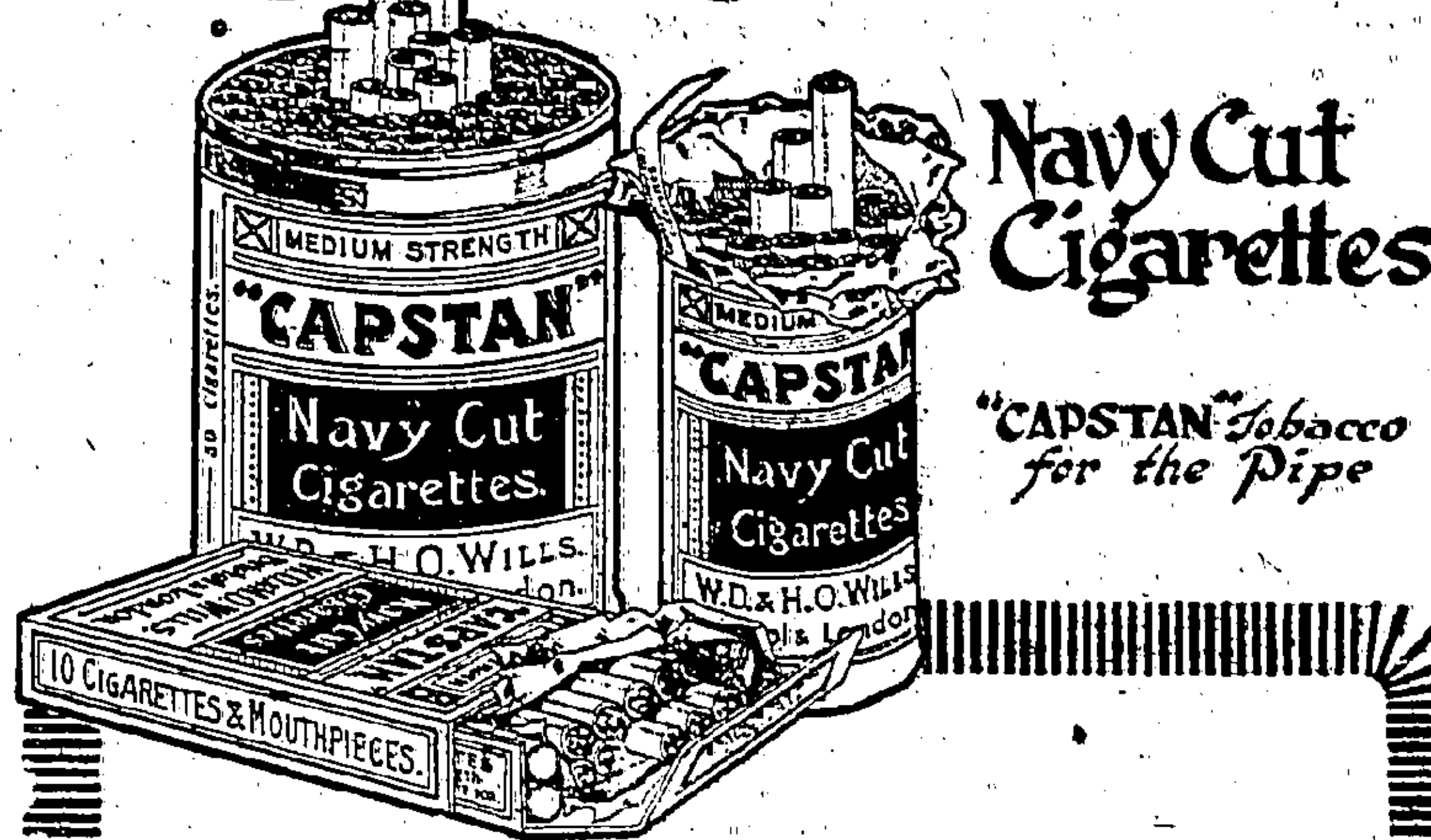
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cally dead. Just as, during the war,  
we had the sons of our oldest fami-  
lies serving as rankers for a shilling  
or so a day, while men of little lin-  
age were making many millions, so  
to-day one may find a professor at an  
English university with £250 a year,  
while an American railway guard earns  
his £500."

"Many excellent people, unaccus-  
tomed to mental exercise, view with  
an air of gloom these rather rapid  
reversals of the social values."

1969 MADE BY, 1919.

"They forget that the future is in  
the hands of the present; that the  
England of 1969 is what the England  
of 1919 chooses to make it."

"Nor is it improbable that the next  
generation will be an improvement  
upon ours. The breaking down of  
caste barriers is of itself good."

"Moreover, the unrest which pre-  
vails to-day need not be a matter for  
melancholy if the more worthy types  
of human beings are as a result pre-  
sented with an opportunity to emerge  
from the mass—always provided that  
our new standard for 'giving social  
prominence to people is the standard  
of neither a demagogue nor a snob."

"Open industrial warfare does un-  
doubtedly develop anti-social qualities  
in both employers and their workers,  
because each group is fighting for its  
own hand, and consequently there is  
not that motive of selfless sacrifice  
which exists in the more terrible war-  
fare of the guns. But while an ex-  
tension of collectivism might result in  
a 'levelling down, and while we have  
certainly to be on our guard against  
any repression of individual skill by  
trade unions, we must at the same  
time admit that the general effect of  
trade unionism is upon the whole  
socially beneficial. Society cannot  
win spiritual freedom without a cer-  
tain freedom from the materialistic  
side of life."

AN A1 CROP.

"What, then, should we, as a  
nation, do?"

"We should, I think, definitely set  
out to secure for everyone a decent  
minimum of comfort which will per-  
mit the natural capacity of each of us  
to be properly developed."

"An increase in leisure and in-  
come and education will not, of  
course, automatically yield a crop of  
A1 citizens from the class who are  
now C3. Such conditions would,  
however, give us a far better oppor-  
tunity to gauge the natural capacity  
of each."

"In the wider interest of the race  
our next step would be to curb the  
increase of the less desirable type of  
men and women by the simple ex-  
pedient of placing the quick-witted in  
a better position than the others to  
strengthen the stock of the following  
generation. That aim ought to be  
consistently expressed in the laws of  
our land."

THE TRAGEDY OF DEFECT.  
"It may be asked just what is  
meant by any individual's contribu-  
tion to the society in which he lives.  
Necessarily, his contribution largely  
depends upon what his society de-  
mands."

"In a community which set a high  
value upon spiritual attributes one  
would find artists and musicians and  
authors encouraged to create. At the  
present moment our own social ideal  
may be said to be a demand for as  
good a standard of living as can be  
obtained for as large a population as  
we can support."

"It is an ideal of which we need  
be neither proud nor ashamed. Clearly,  
the general improvement of social  
conditions is essential; it is not less  
essential that the succeeding genera-  
tion should, as far as possible, be re-  
cruited from those who benefit most  
from this improved environment."

"One does not, for example, de-  
sire to see in the England of fifty  
years hence a mob of mental defec-  
tives maintained by the mentally  
efficient. Therefore, a person who  
can keep himself by his own efforts  
in the community should, as a gen-  
eral rule, be encouraged to marriage  
and to parentage in preference to one  
who cannot do so, whose father,  
grandfather, great-grandfather have  
failed to do so."

## OUR INDIFFERENCE TO BRAINS.

"As a community we have been,  
oddly indifferent to brains. The in-  
ventors of aniline dyes, to cite one  
notorious instance, have never re-  
ceived the reward of the research  
work. Manufacturers have earned  
handsome profits; the workers' stan-  
dard of living has increased; those  
whose brains really contributed that  
new knowledge and that new wealth  
have not been recognised as the social  
asset which they so plainly are."

"If that be our attitude towards  
obvious ability, it is not surprising  
that we simply ignore qualities of a  
more everyday stamp, taxing their  
possessors into childlessness, handi-  
capping those with tiny families in

their quest for decent homes and  
adequate schooling."

"When we seek a better England  
we shall act quite otherwise. Super-  
man is not the offspring of a super-  
tax."

"Even now in Paris the muni-  
cipality is selecting the best couples  
for its houses, giving them additional  
accommodation without additional  
rent for additional children."

"English industry is engaged in  
buying up the best brains of the  
country," says the *Chronicle*.

"One of the latest captures of  
'big business' is Dr. A. W. Cross-  
key, who was Professor of Chemistry  
at King's College. He has been ap-  
pointed Director of Research to the  
British Cotton Industry Research As-  
sociation."

"Amongst others who have joined  
the industrial ranks may be men-  
tioned Mr. S. E. Slade, formerly at  
the University College, who was ap-  
pointed head of the British Photographic  
Association, and Sir Herbert Jackson,  
late of King's College, who has joined  
the directorate of the British  
Scientific Instrument Research As-  
sociation."

"So serious has the question be-  
come for the universities that the  
governing bodies are considering the  
whole question of salaries which can  
be offered in the future for profes-  
sors, lecturers, and demonstrators.  
The feeling is that unless a more  
favourable revision is made 'big busi-  
ness' will attract all the best men  
from the academic positions."

## BIG SALARIES.

"Discussing the question with a  
*Daily Chronicle* representative, one  
who is closely connected with the  
administration of the London Univer-  
sity pointed out the great difference  
in salaries offered. The minimum  
for a professor to-day is only £600 a  
year, and the same man in industry  
is offered £1,000, and in some cases  
considerably more. In fact, some of  
the enormous business corporations,  
particularly those who have merged  
their industrial relations, offered al-  
most unlimited prospects to the right  
men."

"An average of between £600 to  
£1,000 can be placed as the plums  
in the universities. If a man takes  
honours in chemistry and is only  
offered a post of £300 a year he is  
going to snap at the greater chances  
offered him by industry."

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Hongkong, February 18, 1920.

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Hongkong, February 24, 1920.

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deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that  
the Court has, by Virtue of Sec-  
tion 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897,  
made an Order limiting the time for  
Creditors and others to send in their  
claims against the above Estate to the  
28th day of February, 1920.

All Creditors and others are accord-  
ingly hereby required to send their  
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## WAR WEALTH.

The people of Great Britain gained at least two things during the war: neither of which can be looked upon as a real blessing. In the first place they had piled up for them a huge national debt of a size the imagination can hardly grasp. The other acquisition was a number of "newly rich." The first has been the subject of national concern; the second has given new ideas to cartoonists who have never tired of humorously portraying the actions, alleged or real, of this class. The war which brought poverty and distress to thousands has others gaining a sphere of affluence they never dreamed of. The country to-day is probably more "Bolshevistic" than ever before in its history, being more than ever ready to question the fitness of one man's gain out of the misfortune of others. Furthermore the Chancellor of the Exchequer has an eye on these war fortunes, whose possessors have probably not been cheered by the opening of investigations by a select committee for a scheme of taxation. The official memorandum discloses the rather startling fact that war-wealth amounts to £3,250,000,000. This huge sum was made out of the country during a period of great physical stress. It is now faced with financial stress and it is only natural that an effort should be made to regain something from those who seized the opportunity to enrich themselves. Lord Beaverbrook, for instance, considers that a tax on war fortunes would enrich the state coffers by £1,000,000,000, no inconsiderable amount. The address of the Chancellor of the Exchequer shows that in his opinion it is right that the levy, if imposed, should be applied exclusively to the reduction of debt. We foresee a considerable amount of heated discussion ahead but the Committee's report will be interesting. The Committee was a concession to clamour, but no one seriously expects direct action on such lines.

## ADVERSARIA.

To the old-fashioned censoring—Englishman—there are not many of us left now; the word censor is as "creaky" as the word cockroach or centipede. Prying was un-English and bad form. Arbiters of taste were unthinkable.

Meddlement with privacy was intolerable. A new rich has supplanted our aristocracy, and new political "stunts" are ousting our former culture. A noisy, vulgar, low-class generation has the stage, and new ways and methods are tolerated that would have shocked our sires. Well, well, it is always and everywhere happening so. We suppose they call it progress. The censor of plays used to amuse as well as to a. e. sperate. The censors of literature, being unofficial and powerless, did not worry us. How are we to regard the censor of cinema pictures? The usual human inconsistencies are reported. The Ceylon censor cuts a little from a film. The Singapore censor cuts a little more. Hongkong deletes something else. Between them all they leave hardly enough to be worth showing. One would expect that a film that had passed one British censor might be vis-a-vis by the rest, and given a chance. That or something like that must come, for the cinema is becoming too important an institution to be monkeyed with. The cinema will be the newspaper of the next century, and be allowed its own "freedom." The funniest bit of censoring we have heard of in a long while may now be mentioned. The German villain pesters the Chinese princess, who exclaims (as per rubric): "No, no, Celestial does not mate with pig." Our censor cut that out, because he thought it improper for a Chinese to call a white man a pig! If that were the worst they called us!

Since when, by the way, was the Hun reinstated as a "white man"? Hongkong gossip now has it that the volunteers are so backward in coming forward that we are to have conscription. This ought not to be, but the *China Mail* is not going to fight it for you. It is up to yourselves. Whether it is called the "militia" or "preparation," militarism is always militarism, and if you suffer it you deserve it. All this "preparation" after the war reminds us of the probationer nurse who woke up the patient to give him his sleeping draught. It is like as if a doctor were to prescribe walking exercise for a man exhausted in a Marathon. We favour volunteering, not for "preparation" (because we pay a big military subsidy and are entitled to expect something for our money) but for the benefit it undoubtedly is to the men who join.

Referring to the "Chinese dinner" to be given to Mr. Claud Severn in view of his forthcoming departure, "Roderick Random" of the *Daily Press* said a bright thing

the other day. He suggested that Mr. Severn must be "fed up" with rice. That was good, and gave us the merry laugh; but he spoiled it by adding that rice is always the big feature at a Chinese dinner. It isn't. The Chinese eat rice at home, but not always at ceremonial banquets, which are not meals, but gourmety between drinks.

An old resident told us a Fraser Smith story yesterday. Fraser Smith was Hongkong's most famous journalist. It seems he held a post at the Kowloon Docks before he became a newspaperman, and that he had racing ponies. One meeting his stable was very successful, and the story goes that the Jardine taipan of that period (whose name happened to be Johnstone) was pestered at the idea that a Dock clerk should beat him. The yarn says that Fraser Smith was told he must either give up his ponies or give up his job. He let the job go, and Hongkong benefited by the advent of an interesting and fearless critic. If the story is non vero, it is certainly *ben trovato*.

The Adversaria doesn't always get criticized. One reader sends him for the notes on the banishment case upset by Privy Council, and regards them as a "storm in a teacup." Very well. The Adversaria doesn't care, if others don't. He has absolutely no politics, or principles either, in private life; and only fills this space because he knows no other way of getting beer money. He cannot understand why people who are not obliged to do so read the newspapers, especially as they seem so easily upset thereby. Adversaria has to be like the Clown at the Circus. When is the clown most funny? when he wears a broad grin and cracks a jest, or when he wears a solemnly sad about doing something absurd? This reader, apparently, cannot see the fun of a "storm in a teacup." We must try to provide him with an ocean and a lump of sugar. Meanwhile, let him drop Adversaria and read Marie Corelli.

"Long time no have see," we yelled, yesterday, when Hongkong was lit up with sunshine after many days of gloom. Lord what a blessed tonic is Thy sunshine. It lightens the darkness of our spirits, as well as giving our scenery a glamorous colouring. Men talk about "the blues" and "things looking blue," in quite a wrong sense. Yesterday's blue sky meant something quite different for all of us. Wish we could always "have the blues," that way.

Say, how did that telegram about the Dubliners having to stay indoors at night strike you? Whether you be Home Ruler, Carsonite, or Sinn Féiner, the thing should have made you gape. Do we dream, or is this not the Twentieth Century? By this way, Renter worded it "Irish military officials have decreed, etc." The *China Mail* tending, "Military officials in Ireland," seems more consistent with fact. Had the Germans won, would von Reuter have wired "British military officials decree that the Bishop of London shall do the goose-step"? Hardly. On second thoughts, Dublin is not much worse off than we are. We may not go out at night in a hired car, without the gracious permission of the illustrious police. Quite right too. Bed is the proper place for good little boys and girls—after dark. So they used to tell us in the nursery.

For goodness sake read, and read slowly, carefully, and thoughtfully, the article elsewhere in this issue headed "Imaginative Writing." It is fine. We like particularly that part about "the inevitable incompleteness" of any writer's knowledge. "Each mind lives, like a prehistoric inhabitant of Britain, in a small clearing among thick forests." That's true. How big is your clearing?

The old game of pull devil, pull baker has begun again. In introducing the Army Estimates, our pudding-faced Marlborough talked of tanks. We have developed a 30 ton tank that goes fast. But he also mentioned, apparently without chagrin, that anti-tank warfare has profoundly advanced. In the development of a rifle grenade capable of inflicting mortal injury to a tank. It is all over again, and pop goes the wessel. Why? Randy's boy hinted at a possible combination of Russia and Germany for the next war.

Summing up and striking a balance, we may now say that "the war" to end war "was a failure, that the League of Nations is dead (infatigable paralysis), that the Anglo-Franco-American alliance is a "scrap of paper," that civilization has amputated its own legs in order to escape the discomfort of tight boots, and that there is nothing left now for the philosopher but to eat, drink, and be as merry as he can—for tomorrow the Bolsheviks will rob him and murder him. Nero's fiddle at the Roman conflagration was perhaps not such an incongruity as we have thought.

Spend your Evenings in a "WALLA WALLA" Lunch.

## SPECIAL CABLE.

### SHANGHAI OLDEST RESIDENT DIES.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27.  
 The death is announced of Mr. Jenner Hogg, Shanghai's oldest resident, at the age of 82. He arrived in China in 1857 and was a director of many companies.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 5s. 8½d.

Communicable disease to-day—nil.

The meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation takes place at the City Hall to-morrow noon.

Inspector Brown, in charge of the Hung Hom district, is shortly going home on leave, and will be relieved by Crown Sergeant Aires.

A dinner dance is being held at Wise man's Cafe to-morrow night. A special menu will be provided at \$1 per head, the same charge being made for dance tickets.

The match in the competition for the Billiard Championship of the Colony, which was to have been played at the V.R.C., last night between Lieut. Gold and Mr. Pile, was postponed.

Representatives from each team entered in the Hongkong Basketball League are requested to attend a meeting to be held at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Friday, February 27th, 1920 at 5.30 p.m. One representative from each team is required.

## HAPPY VALLEY.

### AMENITIES.

Residents of the Happy Valley neighbourhood often boast of its advantages. They have some fine scenery and the premier recreation ground of the Colony is within a stone's throw. Their disadvantages are but few and one is the fire-machine nuisance. The quiet stretches of Wong-neh-chong road are looked upon as ideal places for learning to control a machine and the road is straight enough to indulge in a little speeding. The residents generally do not complain, being willing to suffer in silence rather than that a motorist should constitute a public danger through lack of practice. They do, however, draw the line at fire engines. For instance last evening shortly after 5 p.m., one of our engines was tearing around the valley, driven by a European. Its rattling and clanking as it passed was most unpleasant. There doesn't seem much chance of a remedy but the authorities might try to find a place where the firemen could indulge in practice runs without disturbing a residential neighbourhood.

It is all right to test these fire motors, to keep them always fit, but every expert motor man will tell you that it is enough to turn the engines over with a short spin. All this careering about, night after night, is a waste of public money.

## SPORT.

### CRICKET.

#### I.R.C. v. R.E. & I.A.

The following will represent the I.R.C. in their League fixture against the R.E. & I.A. on the former's ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. A. E. Rumjahn, G. C. Earle, S. H. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, A. A. Rumjahn, D. Rumjahn, M. B. Sufad, T. A. Moosdeen, N. M. Bux, S. M. Moosa and E. Haroon.

#### CIVIL SERVICE XI v. C.R.C. XI.

The following players will represent the Civil Service XI in their match with the C.R.C. XI on the latter's ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. E. T. Crocker (Capt.), S. E. Alderman, E. C. Fincher, F. Bacon, W. Hill, H. F. Bevan, G. T. Knight, H. S. Burden, G. H. Percy, A. R. Duncan and H. W. Sandford.

### FOOTBALL.

#### I.R.C. v. SOUTH CHINA "B."

The following will represent the I.R.C. in their Second League match against the South China "B." on Saturday on the Military Ground, Kick-off at 2.30 p.m. A. O. Madar, M. S. Hartman, B. A. Hyder, S. A. Rumjahn, A. Saleh, E. Moosdeen, A. G. Markar, O. Rumjahn, A. L. Andree, S. Rumjahn and G. Mahomed.

#### UNITED ATHLETIC CLUB v. "CLUB DE RECREO."

The following will represent the United Athletic Club in a league match against "Club de Recreo" on Saturday February 28 at the Naval Ground. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m. W. McLeod, A. E. Simmons (Capt.), K. A. Mason, J. Leonard, D. Liang, C. H. Blake, H. George, P. Brown, E. E. Fincher, C. Millar, G. Chubb, Reserves, C. S. Rossett, and W. M. Mason.

## A FORTUNE PER VOYAGE.

### S. R. CHIOZZA MONEY AND SHIPOWNEERS.

"Think of ships which cost £200,000, earning £1,400,000 per annum!"

"What ought to be done now is again to requisition the whole of the British mercantile marine at Blue book rates and to devote the great consequent profit to the substantial reduction of the cost of living. Every man and woman with a vote should tackle members of Parliament on the subject."

### —LEO CHIOZZA MONEY—

Sir Leo Chiozza Money makes these statements in a notable article in the *Daily News*, in which he points out how the shipowners with high freights are keeping up the cost of living.

When I left the Government in November, 1918, as a protest against the decision to resign the economic direction of the nation to the profiteers, and to sell out the national ships and factories to private capitalists, I pointed out, *inter alia*, that the nation would have to pay heavily for being handed over to the vested interests," he writes.

### PAY, HEAVILY.

"The price has since been paid in much more than money. We have not had imports that we might have had if the direction of ships and imports had remained in public hands. If we consider the monetary loss alone, however, the results are sufficiently startling. Indeed, the case is so extraordinary that it is difficult to tell the plain truth about it without being suspected of exaggeration."

November, 1918, the whole of the British mercantile marine was under requisition, and earning its owners the Blue-book, or arbitration, price of hire, as raised in 1918 to a level which gave a very fair margin of profit. Now only one-sixth to one-seventh of the ships are under requisition. It follows that the greater part of the British mercantile marine is earning for its owners the exorbitant rates of freight which it is possible to demand in a short market.

### HOW VALUES HAVE GROWN.

"The following statement will show how the value has grown of an ordinary cargo steamer built in 1914—

Value of a Tramp Steamer built in 1914.

(Per ton deadweight.)	
July, 1914.....	26
July, 1915.....	12
September 1916.....	24
May, 1918.....	25
Now.....	30

"Let us see what this means in the case of a ship of 7,000 tons deadweight. How a Tramp Steamer of 7,000 tons Deadweight has Grown in Value.

July, 1919.....£ 42,000

December, 1919 .. 210,000

Increase in value.....£168,000

Increase in per cent..... 400

"Let it be thought by a good illustration that I am giving a fanciful case, let me give the accountant's valuation of ships taken over by the Western Counties' Shipping Co., Ltd., a company just offered for public subscription. Here is a fleet of cargo steamers, the total valuation of which is now given as £2,400,000. The total number of tons (deadweight) is only 105,600. If all these ships had been built in 1914 they would have cost, as nearly as possible, £600,000. But, it will be seen, many of them date long before 1914. For example, the "Inchmear" was built 1900, so that if the war had not occurred she would have suffered heavy depreciation. The present inflated valuation, it will be seen, is £115,000 for a ship of only 5,500 tons, built 19 years ago!

### HOW FREIGHTS HAVE RISEN.

"A tramp steamer in 1914, before the war began, could earn about 4s. per ton per month on time charter. This company states that the ships are earning from 20s. to 27s. 6d. per ton per month, or from five times to seven times the earnings of 1914.

"Consider the earnings of a single ship. The old "Inchmear," a ship of under 6,000 tons, which cost about £36,000 nineteen years ago, and which now, through age, is worth intrinsically much less than when it was built, can earn about £90,000 in a single year, reckoning the hire at 25s. per ton per month. Or, if we take the above list of seventeen ships, the actual gross revenue they earn, we are told, is now at the rate of £1,439,500 per annum. Think of ships which cost £200,000, earning £1,400,000 per annum."

"Thus the shipowners during the war, their capital over and over again, are continuing the process in peace, and appear to be quite content to go on doing it even while we are assured that we have not the money as a nation to build electrical power stations, or houses for the people. The gross earnings of the British mercantile marine this year will approach £400,000,000.

### AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL SHIPS.

"Mr. Hughes had the happy thought to buy for Australia a few old ships. He made so much profit out of them during the war that the Australian Government got its ships

## HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

### THIS YEAR'S SHOW.

Although there is nothing in the nature of waning interest in the Hongkong Horticultural Society or in this year's show, it is feared that the entries will fall considerably short of the total recorded last year. This is mainly due to the cold and damp weather during the past three weeks, many promising plants having been rendered useless for show purposes. Amongst the varieties that have suffered most are geraniums, sweet peas, dahlias and plants that usually provide fine exhibits in the cut-flowers class. So far there is only one entry for sweet peas (Peak) as against nine last year and in the open class there are five as against ten last year. In pot plants (open) there are 100 entries less than last year and the same proportion in the Peak class. On the whole, the total entries are about fifty per cent below average i.e. there are, so far, only 600 as against 980 last year. Some good bright weather, however, between now and the time for the show, will probably enable additional entries to be made. There should be some keen competition in the vegetable classes, most varieties have done well, particularly tomatoes, but peas and beans are not up to standard.

There seems to be some misconception as to who can exhibit and who cannot. As a general rule the flat dweller takes it for granted that he or she is precluded from taking active part in the show because they would stand no chance against the lucky house holder with a garden. This is not the case and the *China Mail* has been asked particularly to point out that plants used for decorative purposes on verandahs etc. stand as good a chance in certain classes as garden grown flowers. For instance, in class 154 (one pot of plant indigenous to Hongkong) the flat dweller stands equal chance with the rest likewise in class 165 (one pot of herbaceous plant). The entry fee is only 50 cents and it is hoped that more entries will come along in these classes. Particular stress is also laid upon the conditions for the table decoration class. A big display of fine rose blooms in silver vases does not meet the conditions. Due regard must be taken for the comfort of imaginary diners. Last year some of the exhibits, although containing some very fine blooms, were arranged in such a fashion that had the table been so dressed for an actual dinner the people on either side would have been precluded from any kind of conversation. That is not what is wanted; the object should be to obtain an effect pleasing to the eye but not in any way cumbersome. It is hoped that newcomers will make a point of visiting the show to enable them to realise what can be done in Hongkong. It is a curious fact that many people arrive with the impression that the possibilities in horticulture in Hongkong are so confined as to render anything in the nature of a good show of English flowers impossible. For instance, three years ago nobody thought of growing cinarina, until one Chinese gardener put in a specimen (not for competition) with the result that this plant is now one of the biggest classes. To these people a visit to the show this year will be an eye-opener.

A word must here be said for Mr. Dowbiggin who has been working very hard in organizing the show and attending to the multifarious duties connected with the Secretary's office. It will be remembered that at the last annual meeting of the Society, Mr. Dowbiggin consented to hold the secretaryship on condition that he was not called upon to give up two whole days during the show. It appears however, that nobody else is willing or able to make this sacrifice, and Mr. Dowbiggin will again undertake the work. The highest possible praise is due to him from all concerned. The committee this year are as follows:— Messrs. L. Gibb (President), J. A. Plummer (Treasurer), H. B. L. Dowbiggin (Secretary), Miss Wallace, Messrs. S. B. C. Ross, J. Taylor, E. J. Noronah, D. Harvey, W. J. Tutchner, N. L. Watson, R. Baker and Commander Beckwith.

For nothing and a big profit besides. Mr. Hughes is now building more ships to run on Australian national account, and this naturally gives umbrage to those who think that the first purpose of ships is to make profits for private individuals. Lord Inchape publicly scolds the Australian Government for its impudence in nationalising its shipping. While turning down the nationalisation proposal, the War Cabinet did, however, order the complete requisitioning of shipping, and that saved the country an enormous sum of money, as Mr. Lloyd George has confessed. The reversal of the policy of requisitioning at the end of last year has cost the country an enormous sum, as the Prime Minister has not confessed.

"Lord Inchape, at the recent meeting of the P. and O. shareholders did not conceal his delight at the success with which he had killed shipping nationalisation by buying out the nation's ships. I grant Lord Inchape, that he had a great triumph."

## IMAGINATIVE WRITING.

### THE CASE AGAINST TOO MUCH CLEARNESS.

At the Manchester University Mr. C. E. Montague lectured to members of the English Association on the subject of clearness in imaginative writing. There were dozens of current phrases, he said, which seemed to imply that self-expression was always a kind of rendering up of something measurable, pre-determined, and unmistakable. Yet there were many who would like to pipe up in protest, against certain kinds of intensive cultivation of lucidity. Mr. Montague mentioned the kind of journalistic polemic in which a show of clearness veiled an extravagance of partisan-ship; the sermon whose "imbecile limpidity" played upon a text itself as clear as noon; the kind of descriptive writing, bordering on fiction, or overlapping it, in which some of the trestle proceedings of nature and of man are reported with a literal and insipid veracity never previously attempted, even by Crabbe.

"I suspect," said Mr. Montague, "that we simple readers are often taken in by the virtuous air with which these people are perfectly clear about trifles and throw their floods of light upon the nakedness of their several insignificant patches of land." But a child would not be impressed by an excess of lucidity which placed *typo* dots on one "i". The child felt it would be more civil to assume that he could perceive the meaning of *one dot*. That was just what one had a right to feel when reading writers who left nothing to the imagination of their readers. They failed at any rate in courtesy, presuming the reader's imagination to be incapable of any collaboration with the author.

Every urbane writer, even when greatly explicit, would stop short of expounding the last detail of his meaning. Sometimes he would make the reader wrestle for it for a long time in the dark, or a writer, less exacting but still careful, would lead the reader to the full verge of comprehension and then gently withdraw. It was more blessed for a reader to guess right than to be told. If that were not so we might find our literary models in theses and theses, with an even light beating on every part of their level expanses of verbiage.

Apart from the question of comity as between writer and reader, a limit of confident clearness was imposed by the inevitable incompleteness of the writer's own knowledge. There was a dim borderland in which knowledge gradually lost itself. Each mind lived, like a prehistoric inhabitant of Britain, in a small clearing among thick forests; only the forest was part of the mind itself, and the mind lived surrounded by all that dark part of its own contents and powers which at ordinary times remained potential only. "May it not be said, with some truth," asked the lecturer, "that it is part of the business of imaginative literature to reclaim at least part of that forest?" At the climax of a great tragedy, or during finely imaginative comedy, one had a sense of having made a glorious incursion, of having penetrated into an outer darkness, of having got beyond the region where the writs of ordinary thought ran, and yet found nothing there to be mystically felt.

In his "Intimations of Immortality" Wordsworth had achieved one of these incursions, but he had not achieved, nor attempted to achieve, clearness. Anyone who held by absolute clearness was going to shut himself out from a good many things. For there were a good many things that could not be expressed directly without being expressed falsely. It could not be by accident that Shakespeare, in the song that ended "Twelfth Night," wanted, like Corot, to have the mist between our eyes and the landscape. From any such confession of faith, in one great writer it was not a long step to the reflection that, in order to be very great, an imaginative writer should have some title to make similar calls upon faith, and that he should make them. One might even expect, if a writer told nothing but a transparently simple tale, that he had not gone very far beyond the fields of our ordinary consciousness.

Mr. Montague spoke of the element of "obscurity" in Meredith. "In him you see things with their outline blurred by excess of light, as you see the sun at midday." At times one might feel that it is not all affection or preciosity, but that perhaps these difficult people are only difficult because they know a thing or two more than we do. Mr. Yeats, too, avoided giving the reader a delusive sense of finality where there was no finality, and might dissuade readers who cared for "the universal cock-sureness of bad journalism and minor politics." There was a kind of writing which was like a tree with no leaves, nothing more substantial than the eye. The best of imaginative writing has its leaves in the light and its roots in the darkness, and does not deny its own nature, nor the continuity of the known with the unknown.



# ITALIAN CONVENT.

## BRANCH SCHOOL'S PRIZE DAY.

The annual distribution of prizes of St. Francis' School, Wanchai (Italian Convent Branch), took place at St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road, last evening.

Mrs. E. R. Hallifax performed the ceremony of presenting the prizes.

There was a large gathering of the parents and friends of the students present in the spacious hall which was especially decorated for the occasion.

Amongst the guests of the evening were: His Lordship Bishop D. Pozzoni, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Major F. J. Bowen, Lady Ho Tung and Rev. Frs. Noval, Spada and Rigulante.

The children entertained the gathering to a well arranged musical programme and the manner in which they went through their parts advertised the excellence of the training they had received from their painstaking teachers. Every turn was well received by those present who applauded enthusiastically.

The following is the programme:—

PART I.

Overture—Pianoforte piece, 4 hands.

"Sleighride," by R. Ellenberg.

Misses S. Joanilho and A. Ismail.

Recitation—"Little Acorns" (Mrs. Gladys Jackson).

March ("Vardi").

Pianoforte piece, 6 hands.

Misses K. Rumjahn, B. Tillman and E. Crestejo.

Drill, by 16 Boys, accompanied by Miss A. Cordeiro.

Recitation—"Rule Britannia," Thomson.

Miss K. El Arculli.

PART 2.

3 Mandolines and Piano.

"La Fleur et le Papillon."

Misses L. Souza, H. Wong, J. Wong and S. Joanilho.

Kindergarten Game.

"Flowers," Acted by 11 Girls, accompanied by Miss A. Cordeiro.

Rhapsodie hongroise X (E. Liszt).

Played by the Misses A. Cordeiro and L. Souza.

## THE REPORT.

Mr. W. Jackson read the Headmistress' report for 1919 as follows: It is gratifying that the year of the Golden Jubilee of St. Francis' Convent, with which St. Francis' School is connected, should also be the year in which the highest attendance on the school roll has to be recorded. More than anything, perhaps, the history of education in Hongkong exemplifies the truth of the saying that "great oaks from little acorns grow." St. Francis' School plays its modest part in that remarkable growth. From being a little class, hardly worthy of the name, of three pupils in a basement of a poor and unpretentious district then known among the Chinese inhabitants as Chung Kai-wei, in Wanchai, St. Francis' School now functions in a most populous district of the Island with its record number of scholars to-day totalling 152 little boys and girls, exclusive of the Chinese section of the school with its additional seventy children. At the date of the last annual official inspection of the school on the 17th June, 1919, there were present 112 (against 118 in 1918) with the actual number on the roll of 122 (against 135 in 1918). The increase to 152 at the present time, or 24.59 per cent., compared with but six months ago is gratifying progress indeed. The daily attendance having outgrown the old school premises at the Wanchai Convent, for the past four or five years the school has occupied rented premises. The building is Government owned. The school is thus handicapped by the payment of rent amounting to \$200 a month. This is a heavy charge when it is considered that the school fees are limited to a figure that is within the means of parents of children residing in the district. Described in the official report of the Inspector "the building is suitable for school purposes; the rooms are well lighted and the premises are clean. The lack of play ground accommodation is, however, a drawback." This deficiency, when read with that paragraph of the Address of Welcome to Sir Reginald Subb in which the attention of our new Governor was invited to greater assistance to Grant-in-aid Schools in Hongkong, is an indirect appeal that may, it is hoped, receive consideration at the hands of the Authorities concerned. The Headmistress trusts that in the much-talked-of scheme of the Praya East Reclamation wherein, it is believed, Morrison Hill will play its part, some provision might be made for ground and building for the pioneer school in the Eastern District. Reverting to the Inspector's report, the discipline of the school was found to be excellent and the Staff adequate according to Code requirements. When Mr. E. Ralphs inspected the school, it was composed of:—Class 10 (Kindergarten) Division 1 and 2, average age 6.14; Class 9 average age 7.17; Class 8 average age 8.11; Class 7 average age 9.08; Class 6 average age 11.07; Class 5 average age 12.57; Class 4 average age 14.15. The work throughout the school has commended itself to the Inspector to the extent that in concluding his report he remarked that "it pointed to very careful and painstaking effort on the part of both staff and pupils." He recommended that the highest grant be awarded. For the first time six pupils attended Dr. Key's lectures at the Convent on First Aid to the Injured. Three of them passed the examination and have been awarded certificates. The names of the successful pupils are:—Miss Katie El Arculli, Miss Beatrice Tillman and Miss Halima Kitchell. Miss Gertrude Julian has been awarded the Lugard Scholarship for 1919-1920. The new school year began with the re-establishment of the Upper Classes which had to be given up on account of shortness in staff during the war. It has to be remarked in connection with the Chinese section of the school that the English language is optional to those wishing to learn it. Three times a week are devoted to the teaching of the English language. It is satisfactory to observe that out of the 70 Chinese pupils 25 have availed themselves of the privilege of learning the English language. Other pupils have expressed their intention of joining the class after the China New Year holidays. This class is in charge of a Chinese Sister and two assistant teachers, and it speaks much for their efficient teaching that the class steadily grows in number and proficiency. Mrs. Hallifax then presented the prizes to the successful pupils, at the conclusion of which Mr. Jackson expressed on behalf of the Headmistress, thanks to Mr. Hallifax for distributing the prizes, also the prize donors, and the gathering for their attendance.

## PRIZE LIST.

The following are the prize winners:—Class 4.—Miss Gertrude Julian, 1st of the class; Miss Latifa Madar, 2nd of the class; Miss Beatrice Tillman, 3rd of the class; Miss Katie Arculli, prize for diction; Miss Rudolph Ramjahn, for good conduct and needlework; Miss Halima Kitchell, for drawing; Miss Edith Crestejo, for attendance. Class 5.—Master Bertie Victor, 1st of the class and His Lordship prize for religious knowledge; Miss Edie Rosario, 2nd of the class and scholarship \$15 for conduct from the Paterfamilias and Parishioners of the Wanchai district; Miss Hassina Ismail, 3rd of the class; Miss Hafisa Ismail, prize for attendance. Class 6.—Miss Anita Kin, 1st of the class and scholarship \$15 for conduct from the Paterfamilias and Parishioners of the Wanchai district; Miss Estelita Xavier, 2nd of the class; Master Arthur Road, 3rd of the class; Miss Jennie Rosario, prize for reading and recitation; Miss Elisabeth Bennett, prize for arithmetic and needlework. Class 7.—Miss Olga Kin, 1st of the class and scholarship \$15 for conduct from the Paterfamilias and Parishioners of the Wanchai district; Miss Benedicta Xavier, 2nd of the class and scholarship \$10 for conduct from the Paterfamilias and Parishioners of the Wanchai district; Miss Laurinda Crestejo, 3rd of the class; Miss Lily Cassumbhoy, prize for politeness; Master Bertie Gozano, for order; Master Augusto Pereira, for attendance.

# HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders for (Lat Company by Lieut. A. O. Brown.

## PARADES.

All Sections, Band and Instructors at Headquarters on Monday, 1st March, at 5.15 p.m.

N. C. Os. and Instructors at Headquarters on Thursday, 4th March, at 5.15 p.m.

Church Parade at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon on Sunday, 7th March, Uniform—Caps and Belts. Band with instruments. Fall in by Kowloon Railway Station at 10.40 a.m.

G. E. STEWART, Captain, Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps, Hongkong, February 27, 1920.

## SUICIDERS BOUND OVER.

The two Chinese who were last week remanded on a charge of attempting to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour at West Point, were again before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

Two of the defendant's co-partners appeared in Court and expressed their willingness to sign a security for the defendants' good behaviour. His Worship bound them over in personal bonds of \$100 each, and two sureties, to be of good behaviour for six months.

## T. B. D. RECORD.

The torpedo-boat destroyer "Tyrian" for the British Admiralty designed and built by Yarrow of Scotstoun put up a remarkable record during her trial. She attained a speed of forty knots per hour on an Admiralty four hours official trial in deep water. This is claimed as the highest speed ever maintained by any warship in the world.

## HARD ON THE COOLIE.

At Penang Loh Sui, a richa puller, was charged with keeping \$174 subsidiary coins in excess of the quantity required for use. The police evidence showed that accused had \$184 in notes, \$94 in copper and \$98 in silver in his box. He said he had saved two dollars a day. He was fined \$100 or a month's imprisonment. \$100 was awarded the informer. The subsidiary coins were declared forfeited. On this a legal friend writes to us, "Ye gods! for an offence seven-tenths of the European population, nine-tenths of the Asiatics, and ten-tenths of the richa coolies know nothing of. A poor coolie is deprived of all his savings, and a miserable blighter of an informer takes more than half of them." We agree; surely intention counts for something, and it seems obvious that the coolie was quite unconscious of any offence. In such a case a small fine and a big warning would have vindicated the law and saved justice from being outraged.—Straits Times.

We are requested by Bishop Pozzoni to state that, owing to the delayed arrival of the steamer by which the priest is travelling, the Lenten Mission, announced to commence at the Catholic Cathedral on Sunday, the 29th inst., has been postponed to a date to be intimated later.

Class 8.—Miss Emerenciana Santos and Miss Maria Ligeos, 1st of the class; Master Stephen Road, 2nd of the class; Master Alberto Rodrigues, 3rd of the class; Master Guilherme Victor, prize for reading; Miss Linda Tavares, for recitation; Miss Violet How, for arithmetic; and Miss Irene Ho, for arithmetic and needlework; Miss Lily Straube, for arithmetic. Class 9.—Miss Beatrice Remedios, 1st of the class; Miss Etie Gomes, 2nd of the class; Master Francis Road, 3rd of the class; Miss Mary Marriot, prize for recitation and Kindergarten work; Miss Lindamira Lopes, for diction and order; Master Emilio Tangap, for arithmetic and drawing. Class 10 (A).—Miss Julia Marques, 1st of the class; Miss Mary Pereira, 2nd of the class; Master Charlie Abbas, 3rd of the class; Miss Ng Shimvay, prize for reading; Master Thomas Kitchell, for arithmetic; Master Edward F. Heyblom, for attendance. Class 10 (B).—Miss Rahima Rumjahn, 1st of the class; Miss Jerminha Pereira, 2nd of the class; Miss Decolina Gosano, 3rd of the class; Miss Margaret Xavier, prize for reading; Master Jose Tavares, for arithmetic; Miss Zarena Kyder, for conduct; Master Gustavo Silva, for reading; Master Leonel Silva, for writing. Prizes for Music.—Misses Annie Cordeiro, Kudjah Rumjahn, Beatrice Tillman and Edith Crestejo. First Aid Certificates.—Misses Halima Kitchell, Katie Arculli and Beatrice Tillman.

# HOTEL DEVELOPMENT.

## BUNGALOWS FOR REPULSE BAY.

The question of the development of hotel accommodation of the Colony has again been raised by the visit to the Colony of an architect seeking sites for hotels which it is proposed to build in Yokohama, Shanghai and Hongkong. With regard to this Colony the building of a new hotel anywhere near the centre of the city seems remote because the cost of the ground is such as to make anything short of a skyscraper practically impossible as a paying proposition. It would be impossible to erect a skyscraper here owing to the restrictions as to height contained in the Buildings Ordinance.

The Hongkong Hotel Company, apparently is not going to be satisfied with simply building a hotel at Repulse Bay. Becoming daily more popular as a pleasure resort, the hotel is to have the addition of new residential wings. One, already under construction should be ready in about a couple of months and should provide twenty bedrooms. By this time next year the management hope to have fifty bedrooms at Repulse Bay which means a very considerable development. By far the most interesting proposition in development in that neighbourhood is that of building a number of bungalows. It is understood that plans are already being prepared and it is certain that what ever type of building is decided upon it will be both artistic and convenient. The new hotel itself is sufficient recommendation on those points. The value of Repulse Bay as a residential area will be considerably enhanced when the new road from Morrison Hill is completed, as it will be possible to reach town by motor car in about fifteen or twenty minutes. Watch for developments on the South side of the Island.

## A PROBLEM CASE.

Mr. Wood had before him this morning, a Chinese charged with being disorderly in West Point. He pleaded "not guilty."

The complainant, another Chinese, said his friend, the manager of the Tye Wo Restaurant at West Point, asked him last night to go on board the s.s. "Heungshan" to take delivery of a consignment of chickens. Witness went on board and engaged some coolies to transfer the crates to a sampan. Whilst the chickens were being removed to the restaurant in the sampan, witness proceeded there in a richa. After all the chickens had been delivered at the restaurant, witness paid the coolies \$3. After the coolies had departed, the defendant and ten other men came up to him and asked for coolie hire. Witness refused to pay him as he did not engage him. The defendant and the others threatened to assault witness and he took refuge in a brothel.

The defendant said the complainant engaged him and three of his foils to transfer the chickens to the sampan. When witness asked him for money, he told him to collect it at the restaurant. When he asked the complainant for payment at the restaurant, he refused to pay him. The complainant again denied that he had engaged the defendant. Defendant: It was dark on the wharf when he engaged me, and probably he did not see my face.

Another coolie gave corroborative evidence and his Worship postponed the case until to-morrow to enable Insp. Macdonald to make further enquiries. Bail was allowed in the sum of \$10.

Messrs. Pookomall Bros., of No. 36 Queen's Road Central, have just received a new consignment of ladies' trimmed and untrimmed summer hats of the latest style. Inspection is solicited. Prices are very moderate, to suit all purses.

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# VAGABONDS UNWANTED.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with being a vagabond. He said he came from the country two days ago to look for a clarsman, and failing to find him, he slept in the street for one night.

Inspector Keht said that when searched after arrest, the defendant did not have any money.

A lukong said at 3.35 a.m. to-day, he saw the defendant walk into a lane at the back of Leun Fat Street, Wanchai. Becoming suspicious, witness watched him. The defendant emerged from the lane about an hour afterwards. Witness stopped him and questioned him. The defendant told witness he had been here over four months and was the holder of a stall at No. 64 Stanley Street. Witness asked him if he had a licence and the defendant explained that he worked for another man who is the licensee of the stall. Not satisfied with the defendant's explanations, and being made suspicious by the fact that he entered the lane with socks on, and came out without them, he took him into custody. After leaving the defendant at the station, witness went back to the lane and on the wall, he found marks as if someone had attempted to scale it.

Replying to his Worship, the defendant said he came from Heungshan where he carried on the business of a grocer. He had no employment here. It was a fact that he had no money or address when arrested. Sentence of 6 weeks' hard labour was passed.

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The s.s. CHAKSANG, Capt. M. Courtney, 1,470 tons, arrived yesterday at 5.30 p.m. from Kobe with 743 tons of general cargo. The s.s. TENYO MARU, Capt. Yoshitomo, 4,382 tons, arrived yesterday at 8.30 a.m. from Manila with 146 tons of mail and 433 tons of silver bars, gold coins, tin plates, matches, groceries etc. The s.s. TILLBOET, Capt. A. de Looze, 3,435 tons, arrived this morning at 7 a.m. from Balikpapan with 7,300 tons of general cargo. The s.s. LIANGHOW, Capt. G. Broker, 1,870 tons, arrived this morning at 7.30 a.m. from Swatow with 1,193 tons of general cargo and 7 bags of mail.

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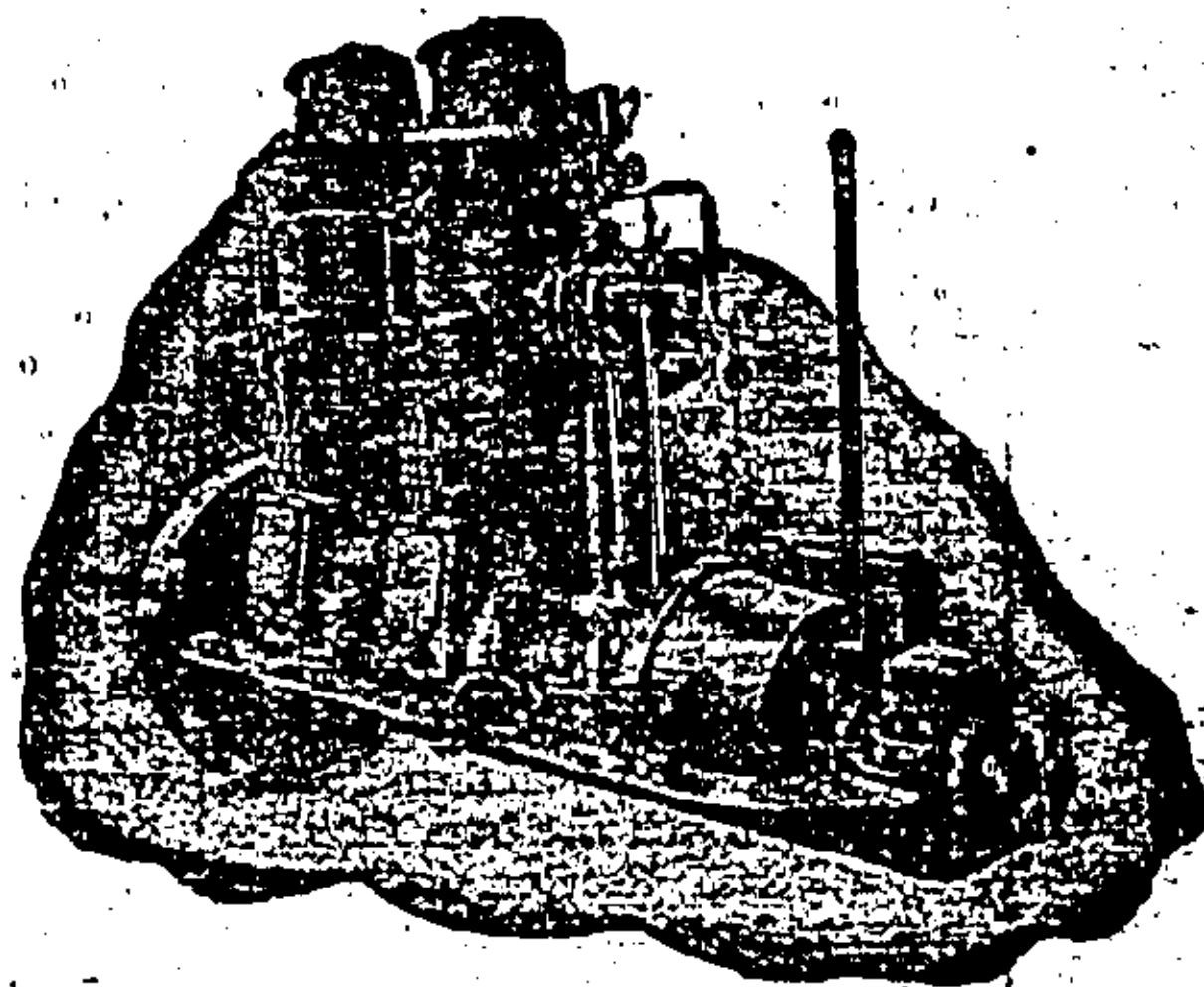
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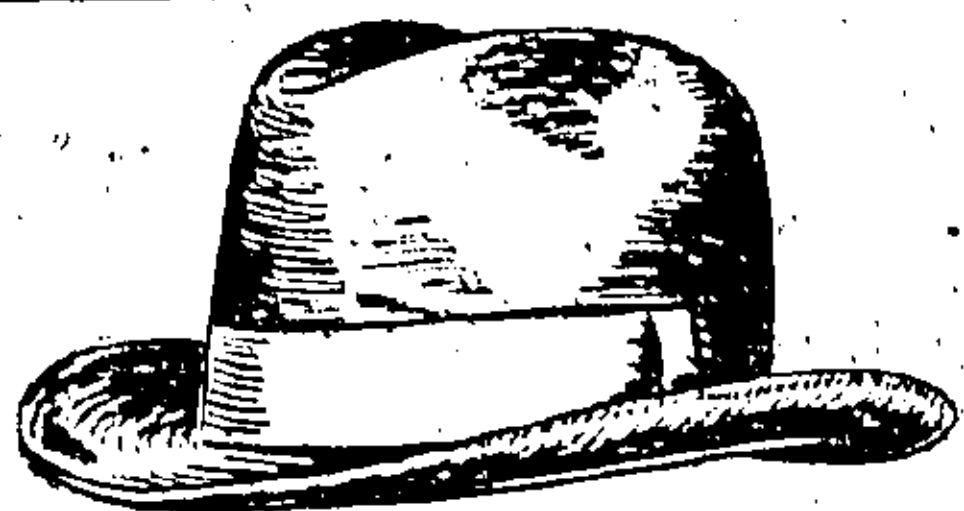
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## INTERCEPTED LETTERS.

Ma dear Kirstie,  
A missed written the ye last week, as A was over busy, what with the bad weather in Chinese New Year and the rest of it. A'm verri sorry the tell ye A didna get the Races on the Saturday afternoon, as A'd been telling ye. A was a ready tae gaun, A'd even gotten ma hat out, an' the Amah was gien' me a brush deon, when Wullie cam hame wi' his c'en rinning, an' sneezin' somethin' awfu'ly. "What ails ye, Wullie?" A speited. Aw, Mag, A've just gotten an awfu' could comin' ower the Harbour, an' gin A didna get a drink o' ye're hot toddy, an' A guid mustard bath, ye'll hae a deid mon in the hoose sure. So we a run roon—the Amah fur the mustard, me fur the whusky, an' the Boy did the rest, an' in twenty-five minutes, we had Wullie in bed, sweatin' sae muckle that we had tae change his blankets in a half hour or less. An' av course, there A was, stuck in the hoose. Av course, it didna matter efter A saw the rain comin' door like a shoer bath, an' puir Wullie wantin' me tae bide wi' him, an' as he had some money on the races, a phoned yin o' the chiefs, who phoned me the results, an' tell me which horses got in, an' A'm gied tae say, we won sixteen dollars, but at the same time it was na hauf what we had pit on. However, we'll dae better anither time, as shair as A'm Maggie Mackay. Wullie's a richt again noo, an' is ready for any thing that comes along, but, mind ye, he was awfu' bad, an' A'm ha' in' tae gie him Bovril afore he gauns ower, an' he hae's anither on the way tae the Ferry when he's comin' hame. The bairns were awfu' guid; they were gaun fur a wee run on their bikes, wi' yin o' oor freens who they ca' Uncle MacTavish, an' they didna get owin' tae the rain. So they just brocht in their bis o' toys, an' played on the fair till tea time, an' then their Uncle MacTavish came in tae tuck them roon tae see his Archie's Magic Lantern that his Auntie Flo had gotten Gamages tae send oot for the New Year. Ma word, but Mrs. MacTavish, tells me it's an awfu' guid yin, an' a made in Britain. When the bairns went oot, A sated maseel aside the fire an' A got a fine bit o' new jumper done, while puir Wullie snivelled an' sneezed in his sleep.

We had an awfu' fine Chinese New Year. It was just fine, for Wullie had seven dividends tae play wi' an' we went tae the Chinese Fair. Ye'll be awfu' surprised when A tell ye that on yin o' the food stalls A saw a whole lot o' roasted beetles they lookt verra like beetles if they weren't about two inches long, but we didna buy any. There were yin or twa fine bits o' brass, but an awfu' lot o' the new stuff. The best sight o' the lot was the street whaur they were sellin' the Almond Blossoms, an' flowers. My, it was a sight worth seein', an' if there hadna been sic' a crowd o' folks an' if the weather had been mair like, A wad hae taen ma pens an' me sketch buik an' done a wee pictur' o' it. There were stalls wi' claes, an' food, an' knives an' spectacles, an' things, an' a mitchy lot o' curios o' a' sorts, wee Buddhas, an' lacquer jars an' beads. An' the crackers, A was fair deafened wi' the noise, an' the smoke got intae Jean's e'en an' she made hersel' worse through greetin' because her e'en were sair.

There's an awfu' amount o' scandal gaun roon, far mair than there is noo, an' the gossips are workin' overtime as it is, an' wimmen an' na the only yins. No, A had a mair interestin' man gossip tae see us last week, an' A ken mair aboot Hongkong, an' the folks here than they wad imagine. It's somethin' awfu' hoo ye're affairs get talkt aboot, an' A'm shair that A get ma shair o' ither folks' tongues at ither tables than's ma due, for A didna bother mory folks here. A wad like some if they hadna sic' long tongues, but A suppose they a like the sound o' their ain voices ower weel. If they'd talk aboot ither things than Hongkong, an' the folks that bide here, it wad be fide, even if they had a debate on the "Shantung Question" or "What's goin' to happen next in Russia" or even the "Auld Kaiser" it wad be fair fair mair tae their credit than comin' roon sayin' "Oh, Mrs. McGinty's gotten a new fur coat, an'

## MISHAPS TO STEAMERS.

Bad luck has attended the last two steamers from Singapore, says the B.N.B. Herald of February 2. On January 19, the steamer "Suddhadi," on her way from Sandakan to Kudat, went ashore on a coral reef near Mrs. Elton's estate, a little north of Kudat. Her signals of distress were not heard or seen in Kudat, and a letter from Mrs. Elton to the Resident informing him that a steamer was in distress near her house was the first intimation that was received. The "Kinabalu" was in port and stood by all night. Early next morning the 20th the "Kajang" arrived and after a few hours pulling, she managed to get the "Suddhadi" off the coral with, as far as can be ascertained, very little damage. Then on the 23rd news came through that the "Kajang," also on her way from Sandakan to Kudat, had gone ashore at Teganau Island, 20 miles from Sandakan. She was successfully refloated and put back to Sandakan for repairs, but we are sorry to hear that she has been so seriously damaged that she will not be ready for sea for over a week.

## CRIME AT HOME.

A special London cable of January 27 says: The wave of crime all over the country is exciting notice and some uneasiness. The Times devoted an editorial to the many causes, disregard of the sacredness of human life due to the war, to the mischievous effects of some cinema films and post war unemployment. Others suggest the waning regard for moral laws. The statistics of the London police show that serious crimes and arrests in 1919 have risen from 1,007 and 354 to 1,149 and 389 in 1918, while the statistics for 1919 are proportionately much worse. The Times points out that there are about 25,000 habituals in Britain where 4,000 who are dangerous are now liberated from the army. The murder in the Lewes train of a lady passenger has especially impressed the public. The constant small pitched battles in Ireland with the police show that there is also growing lawlessness. It was clear that the penalties must be increased, possibly also the police.

she's no paid her last month's bill at the store. That's what happens oot here. It's an awfu' peety, fur A'm shair that we've gotten some fine female brains oot here that are gettin' a' clogged up an' rusted. The men's Marathon cam' off a' richt; an' they a' had a guid time. The Indians (we've got an awfu' crowd o' them here) got in wi' a guid majority o' five, an' then the man we thought wad win, yin o' oor ain Tommies cam in sixth, an' next year A hope he's mair successful.

There's been nae mails in frae hame for mory a day, an' A'm fair sick o' it, but ony way, the weather is better, thank goodness. A'm gied tae say oor rent has na gaun up ony further, an' noo that business is beginnin' tae pay A'm joelin' weel pleased wi' life. We might get ower tae Canada fur the simmer yet. A wish we could get a fresh herring or twa in this place. A'd gie any thing tae hae a dozen or twa. Anither thing A canna find ony Marmalade Oranges here, an' seem' the sugar is no restricted A wad luv tae mak a few jars o' Marmalade. Nae buddy seems tae dae ony o' the auld hame cookin' work here, an' verra few o' the folks wad remember tae hae pancakes a week past Tuesday. Easter will be here sune, an' A'm puttin' on ma new gown fur Eastern Sunday that A had copied here frae a French Model.

An' noo A'm gaun tae Hongkong tae buy somethin' fur Bella's birthday. Love tae a' at hame.

Ye're freen,  
MAGGIE MACKAY  
P.S.—There's a braw feelin' o' Spring in the air!

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## WITH WINGS AS EAGLES.

## THE POWER OF INSECTS AND MEN TO PUT FORTH NEW ENERGY.

"The New Power for the New Age" is the title of a pregnant essay by E. J. Bailford (Epworth Press, 1s.). He looks forward with confidence to the coming days.

"Now we are turning our faces forward to the new era; we are watching the coming of events which arrive with every opening day. It is as if the advancing age had been preparing a fresh revelation, carving a statue under a screen in the midst of the market-place, as the Florentine sculptors did, and is now unveiling it before us, limb after limb, feature after feature. For indeed the old order is giving place to new."

THE NEW ERA.  
"We are being aroused to its sudden apparition. We are startled out of our self-complacency. Our anxiety now is to read its meaning and to understand its message. We are taking stock of our resources, to ascertain our capacity to meet its demands; we are testing our strength, examining our machinery, and endeavoring to adjust it in readiness for the tasks which this new day is laying at our doors."

The young men and women, the children and those yet to be born, are and will be fashioning the features of a generation which will differ from any that has ever been. This new world has arisen in our twentieth century with the silence and swiftness of an exhalation, but it is no insubstantial pageant. It is a body politic, made up of living souls. It is stretching out its hands, stating its claims, and uttering its appeal."

Mr. Bailford draws from Nature confidence in our power to put forth the new energy needed for the new tasks, and he points his argument with apt illustration.

"The evolution of insects as they move from their original home in the earth or water into the air through their different transformations is an everyday example. Professor J. A. Thomson in 'The Wonder of Life' furnishes many illustrations. Two will suffice. The transfiguration of the dragon-fly, from its chrysalis stage to its full-fledged splendour is given as a notable instance, and Tennyson is allowed to describe it:

"To-day I saw the dragon-fly  
Come from the wells where he did lie.  
An inner impulse rent the veil  
Of his old husk: from head to tail  
Came out clear plates of sapphire mail.  
He shed his wings; like gauze  
they grew;  
Thro' crofts and pastures wet with dew  
A living flash of light he flew."

Fabre, the French naturalist, has narrated the life-history of a cicale in terms equally poetical if not equally lyrical.

"For four years in the darkness he has worn a dirty parchment over all; for four years he has mined the soil with his talons; and now the mud-stained sapper is suddenly clad in the finest raiment and provided with wings that rival the bird's; moreover, he is drunken with heat and flooded with light, the supreme terrestrial joy. His symbols will never suffice to celebrate such felicity."

SOME CHANGED MEN.  
"But this power to put forth some new organ or new energy is also seen in the evolution of human character. The pages of biography record instances after instance. The spirit of the divine John—one of the Boanerges—in the beginning of his career calling down fire on the heads of inhospitable villagers—emerges from its ring of flame before he dies, and breathes nothing but love and benedictions."

Before Hugh Latimer stood amongst the faggots exhorting his fellow martyr Ridley to be of good cheer and to play the man, he had written him a letter confessing that he so feared the ordeal that he could creep into a mousehole. Faraday, whose temper was as serene and sunny as a summer sea, had attained that calm after years that were liable to sudden bursts of volcanic rage. No one who knew William Paley when first an indolent under-graduate in Cambridge could ever have predicted that he would become a prebendary of St. Paul's and publish 'A View of the Evidences of Christianity.'

Still more novel developments in disposition and energy of character are occurring in common life.

"If we can regard the Anglo-Saxon nation as an organism, its expansion and unfolding of fresh features is strikingly apparent. Once, indeed, before Alfred's days, England was bound by the triumphant sea. Afterwards her ships began to trade with foreign lands, and she became maritime. Subsequently, by her manufactures, supplying every continent with goods, she became the centre of the world's commerce and, as Napoleon saw her from the shores of France, 'a nation of shopkeepers.' Then, moved by the impulse of colonisation, out of her loins were sent swarms of men and women to people the earth beyond the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans."

THE CHURCH TOO.  
"It cannot be thought for a moment that the Church of the Living God

## THE KWONGTUNG KUNG YEE.

The Kwong Tung Kung Yee is a medical college, hospital and training school for nurses, established in Canton and its report for the years 1918 and 1919 has just been issued. The Dean of the College describes the two years as marking a period of distinct progress and mentions that the Government has granted the institution \$2,000 a year to be used as scholarships for four students. This sum will be sufficient to see the students through the five years of the course. Negotiations have been carried on with a view to affiliation with the Canton Hospital and this, if effected, will result in a larger, and therefore more specialised, teaching staff. A scheme of affiliation has been worked out. Twelve men and three women were graduated in July 1918, and twenty-two men and two women in October 1919.

The hospital report shows that 2,368 patients were admitted during the year 1919 as compared with 1,738 in 1918 and 1,356 in 1917. Visits of patients show a falling off there being 6,441 in 1917, 5,580 in 1918, and 5,405 in 1919. There is also a decrease in the number of out-patient visits. The hospital wards have shown an increasingly large number of typhoid cases. Fifteen years ago typhoid cases were seldom seen in Canton hospitals but in 1919 81 cases were treated in the institution with 18 deaths. A Victor Universal X-ray outfit costing over \$3,000 (gold) is being immediately installed.

## INDIAN SAILING SHIPS.

The Secretary of the Sailing Ship Association of Ceylon has telegraphed to Madras that the Indian sailing ship owners at Ceylon, Musalipatam and Jagoe, own about 100 vessels averaging 200 tons burthen. Large sums were invested in shipbuilding, relying on the encouragement assured by the Munitions Board's communique of July, 1918. Construction of new vessels continues. An alarming situation has been created by with-holding from them licenses for export of padi rice from Akyak to Ceylon Ports. Rangoon timber merchants refuse to charter or sell timber for loading in sailing vessels owing to alleged arrangements with Steamship Companies. The recent cyclone caused heavy loss to Indian ship-owners. Competition with steamers is insignificant since all the available sailing vessels can carry 1,000 tons in two trips which one steamer does in six months. The Association has solicited the Indian Government's immediate intervention, directing the grant of export licenses to sailing ships during fair weather seasons; otherwise heavy loss to owners is inevitable. The Association trusts Government will give impartial consideration and save the owners from avoidable ruin.

## THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE.

Sunday supplements only set out to amuse and sometimes give a very free translation of the truth. There is no telling, then, how much truth there is in a recent syndicated supplement which describes the "Maeterlinck triangle." According to this account it was the first Mrs. Maeterlinck who seeing how her husband's eye followed the juvenile impersonator of Tytyl hastened to get a divorce and said "Bless you, my children," Maeterlinck being 58 and Tytyl 19. Now after the honeymoon she has gone back as she is still wedded to Maeterlinck, intellectually! The law, which was always "a haas," recognises none of these distinctions, and only regards the contract as a physical one. Well if the first Mrs. Maeterlinck does not mind it is none of anybody else's business. But it is not very flattering to Tytyl. There was one of Mr. Maeterlinck's own Ollendorffian plays in which the younger woman in a triangle of this sort got so "fed up" with being the physical and not the intellectual wife that she ended by jumping over a cliff or some such out-of-hand solution of the difficulty. The supplement tells us the happy family is coming to America. Probably the American hotelkeepers' minds have been broadened by the war, or the Maeterlincks might find themselves as coldly treated as were the Gorkys. One wonders what would happen if, say, Jack Johnson acted like Mr. Maeterlinck.—Japan Chronicle.

will be denied this law of development. She is beyond all other organisms a body with its limbs and senses and separate functions bound together by an invisible common life. She has all the attributes of an organic personality, fully alive. She can speak and declare the good news of salvation. She hears the voice of God above the raging of the storm, and sees the dawn of His coming upon the distant hills. And she grows: It is not here or there, in this way or that, still she grows, for the life of the spirit of God is within her, informing her soul and her energy. They that wait upon the Lord shall change their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles."

## LEAP YEAR WOOINGS.

## LAW AND LEGEND OF THE LADY'S PRIVILEGE.

There are things you hear about but never see done—such as saying "Rice pudding, please," when someone says "Will you have Burgundy or rice pudding?"—and a proposal by a woman in leap year comes into the list. Everyone knows that a year which divided by four leaves nothing over—if you are exceptionally quick and accurate at arithmetic—is a year in which woman may propose marriage. But has anyone ever known a woman to do that? She was the wiser, or a man that he was the wiser? asks E.R. in the Fairy Chronicle. Like having sensible pockets, women dream of it but never do it.

The stack of books over which I should have to climb if I were summoned to the Palace to be knighted to-morrow represents a little effort to track down the origin of the custom. It takes one far back into the dim past. Do listen to this one—

St. Patrick was one day walking beside Lough Neagh when he met St. Bridget in tears, and was told that a mutiny had broken out in the nunnery over which she presided, the ladies—who, one presumes, had not taken vows of celibacy—claiming the right to "pop the question." St. Patrick said he would concede the right every seventh year, but St. Bridget besought him to make it one year in four. "I will," replied St. Patrick, "and I'll give ye leap year, the longest of the lot."

Unfortunately the late Mr. Brewer, to whom I am indebted for this, adds as a footnote: "The story told above is of no historical value." But we are on surer ground in considering Scotland's claim, for in 1283 a law was there enacted that "during the reign of his majesty Bruce, for ilk maiden ladye shall hae liberte to bespeke ye man she likes. Gif he refuses to tak her to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye sum ane pundis or less, except he can mak it appear that he is betrothit to anither woman. He shall then be free."

This would make the permission appear to be a compliment to Margaret, the Fair Maid of Norway, granddaughter of Alexander III, of Scotland, who only nominally reigned, as she died on her passage to Scotland in 1290.

A similar law was passed in France some years later, and in the fifteenth century the custom was legalised in Genoa and Florence, so it was evidently taken very seriously at one time. But that only brings us back to the original question—Does anyone take it seriously to-day?

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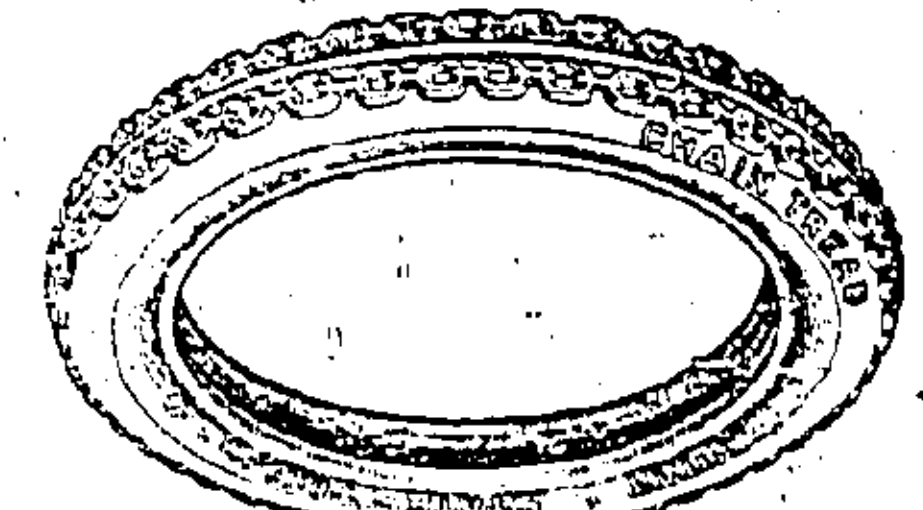
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## WEATHER REPORT.

February 27, 11h. 40m.—No returns from Viedostock, or Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased slightly. Moderate breeze may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 2.89 inches. Mean an average of 0.04 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 28th.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Road. E. winds, moderate; fair, some fog later.

2.—Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

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